

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
January 13, 2014**

The Town Hall/board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Tom Yokley. Present: Clerk: Karen Humphres. Trustees: Dave Carter, Matt Bunker, Valerie Patterson, John Brennan, Mark Esker. Employees: Heidi Dowell, Kent Thompson. Absent: Skylar Tierney

GUESTS: See attached list.

Trustee Brennan moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 23, 2013, second by Trustee Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Yokley asked if the board had any objections to amending the agenda. He stated executive session would only consist of an employee personnel issue. Birch Lane project will not be discussed at the meeting since the engineer was not present.

GUESTS COMMENT/CONCERNS: Janice Beyers complimented Public Works on the snow removal. She asked that they plow the snow a little differently in the cul-de-sac. Janice also suggested the Village start a community garden on the lot that is for sale across from the elevator. President Yokley stated the suggestion will be taken into consideration if the lot does not sell. Janice also asked about the Village's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE (Skylar Tierney): Trustee Carter made a motion to pay bills as presented. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Brennan made a motion to accept the agreement with Sangamon County Department of Community Resources for the 2013-2014 Vendor Agreement for the crediting of the sewer accounts of eligible households. Trustee Esker seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY (John Brennan): Stats for December 2013: 2 abandoned vehicle calls, 10 accidents (property damage), 1 animal problem/complaint, 5 disturbances, 1 hit and run (vehicle), 1 obscene/harassing communication report, 3 suspicious persons/autos, 132 traffic stops (77 warnings, 55 citations).

WATER & SEWER, (Matt Bunker): Trustee Bunker stated the contracts with Utility Service for the water tank maintenance is still in progress. A review of the revised contracts is in progress now.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson presented a TIF project proposal for the old Blu Cat building that the Kordings' recently purchased. This building has been vacant since December 2008. The building is in need of serious repair, and has severe deterioration mainly due to water damage. The Kording's are in the process of replacing the floor. They will be replacing the floor with concrete which will be stained, sealed, polished and will also have a moisture barrier. The total project is estimated at \$13,400.00. The owners have already started the demolition of the old flooring which costs \$4,000.00. The estimate for the new floor is \$9,400.00. Trustee Patterson would like the Village to approve 50% of the project cost.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to approve 50% of the project cost (not to exceed \$5,000.00). Trustee Carter seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Patterson stated the Village's TIF funds are being used according to the law (to rehabilitate buildings). Trustee Patterson thanked the property owners of downtown businesses/buildings for the improvements of the downtown area.

PARKS & RECREATION (Dave Carter): Trustee Carter asked if an ad had been placed in the local newspaper advertising video gaming at Love's. Trustee Carter will be contacting the newspaper editor, Byron, to inquire about this.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker complimented the Public Works Department on the fantastic job of snow removal. President Yokley also thanked them for the fantastic job.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley stated a home owner received a tree from the tornado relief fund. The tree is dying and needs replaced.

Trustee Carter made a motion for the Village to share the cost of a new tree with the homeowner, Dave May. The Village will pay 50% (\$75) on a new tree. Trustee Esker seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Heidi Dowell informed the board regarding the proposal of a new website. The Village has completed extensive comparisons with several companies, and found Cave Interactive to be the best choice for the Village's website. Cave Interactive has created websites for other Village's, including Rochester and Pawnee. This company is local, located in Williamsville. The cost is \$1,999 and a \$49/month charge. This company has a great price, and the websites they design are user-friendly and "clean" looking. Trustee Patterson said our website address is free through the State, but we still have to pay a host fee.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept the bid from Cave Interactive in the amount of \$1,999 and a \$49/month fee. Trustee Bunger seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. An Ordinance will have to be passed at the next board meeting.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville recessed at 6:57 p.m. to move into Executive Session (C-1) to discuss an employee personnel issue. Trustee Brennan made a motion to recess into Executive Session and to include the Police Chief, Richard Edwards. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By
Karen Humphres, Village Clerk